

# Scott Hochberg

## Biography

Scott Hochberg has represented southwest Houston in the Texas House of Representatives since 1993. His current district includes Gulfton, Sharpstown, Briarmeadow, Shenandoah, Piney Point and nearby communities.

Mr. Hochberg serves as vice-chair of the House Committee on Public Education, and as chair of the Education Subcommittee of the House Committee on Appropriations. He also serves on the Joint Select Committee on Voter Identification and Voter Fraud.

Mr. Hochberg has been recognized twice as one of the Texas' "Ten Best Legislators" by Texas Monthly magazine. He was named 2007 Legislative Hero by the Texas Freedom Network, and honored by Children at Risk for his work on children's issues.

Mr. Hochberg was recently honored by two organizations for his work on health care issues. He was named 2009 Texas Legislative Session Patient Care Champion by the Harris County Medical Society, and received President's Award for Outstanding Promotion of Nursing in the Houston Area from Texas Nurses Association District Nine.

His work on the education committee has included passage of a parents' bill of rights, funding for second-chance high school classes during evenings and weekends, additional school district performance audits, the state's first program to fund school building construction and renovation, and the creation of a medical safety board for student athletics. His many awards from education groups include being honored as the Texas PTA's Legislator of the Year and as the Equity Center's Champion for Children. He has represented Texas on education panels of the National Conference of State Legislatures and the Southern Legislative Conference.

Mr. Hochberg has been recognized by Mothers Against Drunk Driving for his work to lower the state's DWI alcohol level, and has passed legislation to make it easier to close bars and nightclubs that generate crime. His work on consumer issues has strengthened consumer rights against rebate rip-offs, protected patients from late billing by hospitals, and provided fair workers compensation payments for Texans injured while working second jobs. Mr. Hochberg has been honored by the Pakistan American Council of Texas for his legislation prohibiting deceptive advertising of Hallal foods.

Mr. Hochberg led a successful effort to hold polluters responsible for unplanned air pollution caused by poor maintenance. As an advocate of open government, he led in the effort to post all legislative actions and state agency rules on the Internet. Mr. Hochberg has been appointed by Chief Justice Wallace Jefferson to serve on the Judicial Committee on Information Technology.

Mr. Hochberg is a Houston native. After earning his Master in Electrical Engineering degree from Rice University, he co-founded an electronic manufacturing firm that he headed for 12 years before selling his interest. He currently operates a software development company.

Mr. Hochberg is the recipient of an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Houston Baptist University. He serves on the boards of the local chapters of the Anti-Defamation League and the American Jewish Committee, and on the Community Relations Committee of the Jewish Federation of Houston. He has served as president of the board of Houston Taping for the Blind and as trustee of the Citizens' Environmental Coalition. Mr. Hochberg is a graduate of Leadership Houston, and is an Associate Member of the Sharpstown Civic Association.

He has been honored by the American Cancer Society for his support of legislation to reduce smoking. The Women's Political Caucus of Houston has twice honored him with their annual "Good Guy" award, and the Harris County Democrats have presented him with their Frankie Award for Education. Rice University has recognized Mr. Hochberg's volunteer efforts by naming its radio broadcasting tower in his honor.

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